GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNET FRAUD
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has detected an Internet Fraud as reported in the Times of India dated March 3, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the losses suffered by the Government as a result thereof; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the guilty companies and officials involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) An Internet Fraud as reported in the Times of India dated March 3, 2001 was detected by the Vigilance Wing of DOT, CBI, MTNL VSNL, Wireless Monitoring Organisation in a join raid conducted on 9.2.2001.

(b) One class `A` ISP Licensee was indulging in receiving incoming international voice calls through Internet and distributing the same himself and also in association with another company with the help of bulk telephone lines and unauthorized equipments, by passing the Gateways of VSNL.

(c) The estimated notional loss suffered by the Government is approximately Rs. 3 crores.

(d) Equipments were seized and illegal operations were stopped immediately. ISP Licence has been terminated. Involvement of officials is being investigated by CBI.